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In re Application of: Nobuhiko Haka Serial No.: 09/462,127 Filing Date: December 29, 1999 Examiner: Qi Han Group Art Unit No.: 2654

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## AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

In response to the non-final Office Action of May 21, 2002, paper number not indicated, the assignee of the entire right and interest ("Assignee") respectfully submits the following Amendment and Response with regard to the above-mentioned patent application "the Pending Application" and earnestly requests that the Examiner pass this application to allowance.

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